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For : IMMORTALIZATION OF HUMAN CARDIOMYOCTE-
DERIVED CELL LINES

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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
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This Communication is submitted in response to the October 1, 2001 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 1, 2001 Office Action is due November 1, 2001. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted pending claims 1-19 to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to immortalized human cardiomyocyte cell lines; and
- II. Claims 13-19, drawn to a method for determining whether a composition of matter inhibits cardiomyocyte function.